



Johnsonville Uniting Church

Morning Worship

Sunday 22 March 2020

*Welcome to our morning worship service.
Please join us afterwards for tea or coffee.*

Minister: Rev Leanne Munro
Organ: Judith Dunlop
Reader: Alison Craig
and Bruce Newton

Theme: Seeing is believing?

Order of Service

Welcome

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship: *Based on Psalm 23*

Hymn: **Longing for Light** (CH4 543)

Prayer: followed by the Lord's
Prayer sung

Community Time: Notices, News and
Birthdays/Anniversaries

Children's Moment:

Sing: **We are Marching** (CH4 516)

Children go to their programme

Sing: **Thuma mina / Send me
Jesus** (CH4 800 v1)

Reading: John 9:1-12

Sing: **Lead me, Lord** (CH4 800 v2)

Reading: John 1:13-23

Sing: **Fill me Lord** (CH4 800 v3)

Reading: John 9:24-34

Sing: **Thuma mina, thuma mina**

Reading: John 9:35-41

Silence

Reflection:

Sing: **E te Ariki** (HioS 23)

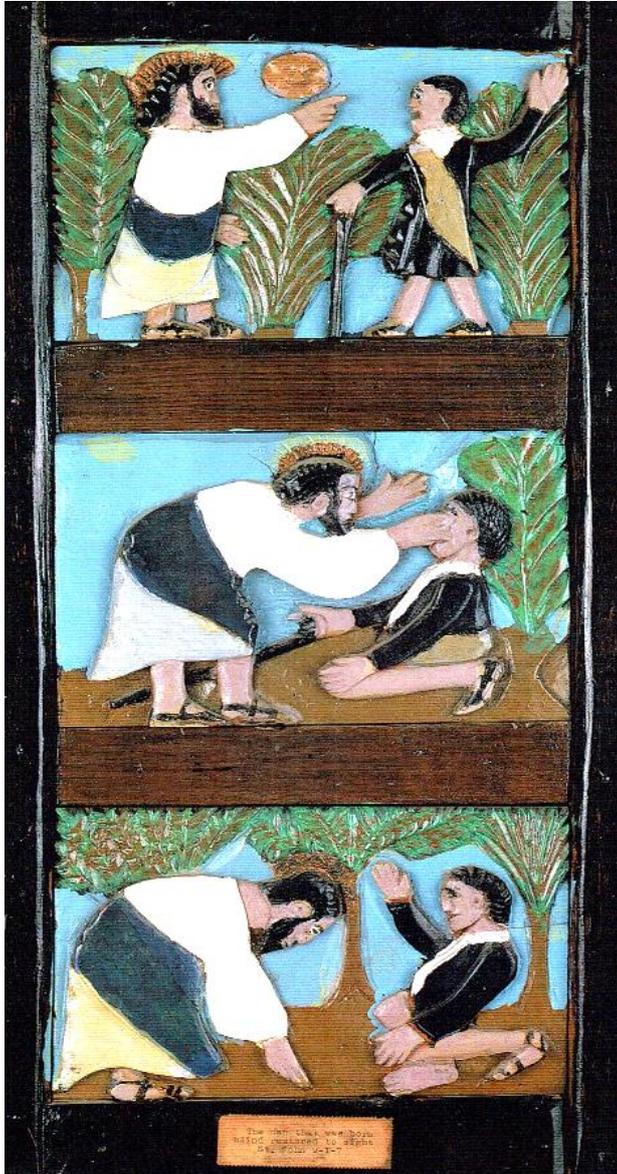
Offering and Dedication:

Prayers for Others: Leanne

Sing: **Be Thou my Vision** (CH4 465)

Benediction:

Sing: **May the Mystery of God**
(AA 95)



Words to Ponder...

In Jesus' time and in the earliest church the question of miracle could not be separated from faith in Jesus' preaching and power, both of which had to do with the kingdom of God. Faith could not and cannot prove the miracles happened; faith provides the context in which their meaning can be discussed.

Robert A. Spivey and D. Moody-Smith

This Week at the Terrace Centre (1 – 8 March 2020)

Sun 22 Mar	Morning Worship	10:00am	Rev Leanne Munro
Sun 22 Mar	Morning Tea		Doug Stirrat and Mary Ely
Sun 22 Mar	Tech Desk – Sound		Edward Lemmer
Sun 22 Mar	Tech Desk – Ppt		Barbara Weight
Sun 29 Mar	Morning Worship	10:00am	Rev Leanie Lemmer
Sun 29 Mar	Morning Tea		Mary Ely and Doug Stirrat
Sun 29 Mar	Tech Desk – Sound		Vernon Biggs
Sun 29 Mar	Tech Desk – Ppt		Barbara Weight
March	Stewards		Gordon Kemp, Karen Parminter Lynne and Bruce Newton

SMALL GROUPS

Join us in the **Small Groups** in the Committee Room, on **Tuesdays 10-11am, or 7:30-8:30pm** each week.

The Mixers

Are discovering Titahi Bay today - **22 March**. THIS IS STILL HAPPENING! Please meet at JUC carpark at 1pm – Everyone welcome. Contact Joan Barnes 934 9940



As fears mount about the impact of Coronavirus (Covid-19), I wanted to reach out to all within our Church.

We are concerned about how Covid-19 will affect us, our families, our churches and our communities. For many of us, there is added stress that our livelihoods are at risk, as measures to contain Covid-19 impact our jobs.

I urge you not to panic. The New Zealand government response to Coronavirus has been swift and comprehensive and is helping to minimise the impact on Kiwi families. But, these are indeed difficult times, and it is at exactly these times that our faith becomes even more important. I look to Jesus' words for comfort: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

While many things have been cancelled by the Coronavirus, love has not, and I urge you to take all practical steps to care for yourself and others. ([See the Church's Coronavirus resource](#) for advice about actions to take at church.)

Please respond to the call to introduce measures into your daily life – not shaking hands, keeping personal distance, limiting travel – to slow the spread of the virus.

Faith communities typically come together in times like these, and while most of our congregations (those under 500 people) can still gather, there may come a time when this isn't possible. If this was to occur, I remind you that you are not alone – God is with always with us: "This is my command — be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

We are in this together – as Kiwis, as Christians and as communities, and I ask that you keep in your prayers the sick, all the medical professionals and others working hard to help keep Kiwis safe. Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

From the Methodist Church of New Zealand

Dear Friends, Attached is Version 2 of the Methodist Church Covid-19 Pandemic Plan. Changes to the document are highlighted in **yellow**.

This document along with other information is available on the Methodist website [http://www.methodist.org.nz/caring_for_our_people/coronavirus_2019 - advice](http://www.methodist.org.nz/caring_for_our_people/coronavirus_2019_-_advice). Please visit this page regularly to see more information as it becomes available - new information on this page is also highlighted in **yellow**.

We are currently waiting for the Government announcement regarding additional restrictions on the numbers of people meeting in one place. We will have the Church response to the Government announcement out to you tomorrow, Friday 20 March 2020.

I would like to thank you to your response to these efforts. It is very encouraging.

I invite you to forward any additional ideas in the Pandemic Plan to Trudy Downes trudyd@methodist.org.nz.

Yours in grace and hand-washing, Kind regards David

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A Prayer for this week

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A thought from Mary West, Past-Vice President of the Methodist Church

As we face the coming weeks let us put into practice

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

(From the Weekly Blog from the current President and Vice-President, for 19 March 2020)

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NOTICES FOR PRE-SERVICE SCREENING

Postponement

Hope Night - 28th March 2020 - Khandallah Town Hall

Due to the current Covid-19 situation, we have decided to **postpone** our Open Home Foundation International Hope Night until later in the year. At this stage, we have not set a new date due to the uncertainty of the current situation.

I am deeply grateful to those who have registered to attend Hope Night. Your support means much to us. If requested we can refund your registration or we can hold your registration for the time when our Hope Night eventually goes ahead. Please let us know.

Thank you and God bless you. Ewen Laurenson, Chairman



Poems for Lent 2020.

Poems for Lent will discuss the poets Rua Kenena, Naomi Shihab Nye, Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry and Elizabeth Bishop.

The four sessions will be held at Ngaio Union Church on Thursdays 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April. The morning session will begin at 10:30am, with a repeat at 7pm for those busy during the day. Handout photocopied resources will be distributed. Please feel free to make a donation towards costs.

For more information contact John Howell - john@howell.org.nz

Prayer for this Week

WHO'S COLLECTING WHAT FOR WHOM???

1. Bread Bag Tags

Remember to bring the Bread Bag Tags you have collected so far, towards donating wheelchairs for people that can't afford them in South Africa. Add them to our specially decorated container, and see how fast our collection grows.

2. How you can help in really easy ways. As well as Wine Caps

I have been asked
tabs off fruit/ pet food
screw tops from jam/



what is OK to collect apart from **wine caps**: also beer caps, cans, drink cans, Bundaberg and other pull-off tabs, metal pickle, etc jars - funds go to Kidney Kids.

We also collect **old spectacles** which are sent to the Pacific Islands - a great project for us.

Lastly **old NZ coins** (1c, 2c, etc - \$80 million worth are sitting in the back of drawers!!!) and foreign coins - Lions gets funds which are used to send young people to Outward Bound/Outdoor Pursuits courses (last time Johnsonville Lions got \$510 and total nationally is well over \$600,000!!)

Talk to or contact Sandra (ph 478 6827 or email sgaelic@gmail.com)

3. Plastic Containers

We are still collecting medium to large (500gms Upwards) clean plastic containers and lids, for the Sisters of Compassion for distribution of food to those in need. Our last donation was gratefully received.

4. Bling, Bangles and Beads (and Feathers)

CanInspire collect unwanted & surplus beads – threaded or not – for individuals experiencing illness, trauma, or loss. The vision is they are creative, supported and inspired using practical artistic skills to give positive focus during their time of difficulty. **CANBEAD** delivers jewellery-making workshops and kits. Fishing workshops (**CANTACKLE**) learn to tie flies, and also to cast, and spin fish with a partner (child, spouse, mate). The workshops provide a wonderful distraction from illness and treatment, and also a chance for the user to gain a real sense of achievement, and to spend creative, responsive time with other people in similar situations. See www.caninspire.org.nz

Any old or preloved beaded necklaces, bracelets, broken or whole, are most welcome.. Please drop them into the office. Thanks! – Elaine

Plastic Bags etc for SPCA

SPCA is really appreciative to receive plastic bags (good for putting soiled kitten wipes in before disposal). Also clean **newspapers, old flanellette sheets**, and (dare I say it) **icecream cartons** (really good for storing kitten milk powder for foster kittens).

Please drop them into the office. Thanks! – Elaine

OTHER REPEAT NOTICES

Mid-Week Communion: THURSDAY SERVICE FOR DECEMBER

will be on **Thursday 6th December at 2pm**. The service is open to all, and is usually held on the first Thursday of each month. Please feel free to bring a friend. The service will conclude with afternoon tea, and will finish by 3pm.

This Week on Real Life Radio



Our guest this Sunday (15 March) is **tba**.

John Cowan hosts 'Real Life', a weekly nationwide chat show featuring a different high-profile guest every week. John talks with them about their life, their upbringing, their passions and their view of the world.

John Cowan works in a number of roles including as a parenting expert with Parenting Place. He's an accomplished author, media producer and seminar presenter. He's been a hospital scientist in neurophysiology, a youth worker, a social worker and a minister, but his primary passion is communication: mainly as a speaker to live audiences, and as a writer. His wit and humour have been enjoyed by tens of thousands of people in live-audiences around the country.

Listen to last week's interview with **outgoing police commissioner, Mike Bush**.

Check out the website <http://reallife.net.nz>

Offerings by Regular Giving

At JUC we operate two systems where your regular giving through the offering can be recorded so that you can be given a receipt at the end of the tax year and claim a tax rebate for donations to a charitable organization. These two methods are either:

- by setting up a Direct Credit to JUC, or;
- by using the envelope system, (putting your donation in a uniquely numbered set of envelopes and placing in the collection).

If you would like to find out more about the regular giving systems, or join the regular giving system, please see Doug Stirrat, contacts: stirrat@actrix.gen.nz or 022 0941591.

Also, if you are already giving using the envelope system and would like to change to the direct credit system, please also contact Doug. Envelopes for the new financial year will be ordered soon, and this is a good chance to review how many envelopes need to be printed and see if we can reduce the amount of paper that we use. Thanks

Technology Rosters

We are keen to train a few people for working
Sound System – Easy to setup and control.

Data Show – Prepare PowerPoint and Operate

If you can assist please contact:

Andrew Donovan or Bruce Newton



our new Technology Desk
the laptop.